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See page four for speakers and agenda.

H.A.I.L.

(i.e. Hearing Aid Insurance Legislation)

Periodically, the Monthly Communicator publishes information regarding legislative bills that concern people with hearing loss in New Jersey. Although this does not necessarily express the opinion of the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, it is provided as a service to our readers. If you would like additional information, please contact your local legislators. Their contact numbers along with more detail can be found at; <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>

S1253 Bucco, Anthony R. as Primary Sponsor

“Grace’s Law,” requires health insurers, State Health Benefits Program and NJ FamilyCare to provide coverage for hearing aids for covered persons age 18 and younger.

This bill is named for Grace Gleba, a young girl who was born with a severe hearing impairment. The bill requires hospital, medical and health service corporations, commercial insurers, health maintenance organizations, health benefits plans issued pursuant to the New Jersey Individual Health Coverage and Small Employer Health Benefits Programs, the State Health Benefits Program and the NJ FamilyCare Program to provide coverage for medically necessary expenses incurred in the purchase of a hearing aid for covered children 18 years of age or younger. The bill provides that the coverage shall include the purchase of a hearing aid for each ear, when medically necessary and as prescribed or recommended by a licensed physician or audiologist. The bill provides that the insurer may limit the benefit to \$2,000 per hearing aid for each hearing-impaired ear every 48 months. The bill further provides that a covered person may choose a hearing aid that is priced higher than the benefit payable under this bill, and may pay the difference between the price of the hearing aid and the benefit payable, without financial or contractual penalty to the provider of the hearing aid.



DDHH “Organizations” Booklet Updates

Editor’s Note: As you know, the DDHH published the tenth edition of Organizations Serving People With Hearing Loss in New Jersey. Everyone on the Monthly Communicator (MC) mailing list in November was sent a copy. We realize that this type of resource needs to be updated the moment it is printed. Rather than wait for a new edition, we decided to publish corrections and changes in the MC. These changes may appear periodically. You may wish to cut this page out and file with your copy of the booklet. Page number listed is the section is where the change should be added.

Page 48 - Cohen, Joan Lee, Ci/CT - change e-mail (no caps) to: edterpnj@yahoo.com

Page 54 - Vail, Cheryl - correct e-mail to: - Csigns2@aol.com

Monthly Communicator Deadlines

This is a reminder that the July and August issues of the Monthly Communicator are combined. Therefore, the submission deadline for this summer issue is June 1st. As usual, the deadline for the June issue is May

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Deadline for submissions: First of the month for the following month’s edition

Actor Resurrects Martin Luther King with CCC presentation

By Susan Coulby, Camden County College

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lived again during a Camden County College presentation to mark what would have been his 75th birthday.

Kevin Q. Jackson truly embodied the slain civil rights leader as he took center stage in the multimedia presentation “Touched By a King” at CCC’s Camden City Campus on Jan. 23. Orating while vintage clippings and photos were projected onto a nearby screen, the Philadelphia-born actor delivered a number of King’s well-known speeches with passion.

Although the national observance of the holiday had taken place earlier that week, CCC conducted its tribute several days later to coincide with students’ return to campus for the spring semester. The program began with the performance of “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” which was vocalized by hearing student Micca Curtis and signed by deaf students Thyson Halley and Hanif Watson. Remarks were delivered by college president Dr. Phyllis Della Vecchia and trustee board chairman Kevin G. Halpern. Camden City Campus administrator Charlene Jones provided Jackson’s introduction.

A past presentation of “Touched By a King” is known to have moved NAACP chairman Julian Bond to tears. Jackson’s appearance at CCC was just as moving for the more than 150 students, faculty, staff and administrators

who attended the event. Throughout his performance, each of Jackson’s gestures, words and vocal inflections demonstrated the power and poise exhibited by King throughout his brief life.

A highlight was the final oration. Jackson delivered King’s “I Have a Dream” speech - which originally was given on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 28, 1963 - from start to finish.

“When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city,” he intoned in closing, “we will be able to speed up the day when all of God’s children - black men and white men, Jews and gentiles, Protestants and Catholics - will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, ‘Free at last! Free at last! Thank God, almighty, we are free at last!’”

To conclude the program, attendees joined hands and sang “We Shall Overcome.”



Sitting is Kevin Q. Jackson, actor, as Martin Luther King in the “Touched By a King” celebration. The interpreter is Kim Henry.



CCC’s Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students, Thyson Halley, left, and Hanif Watson are signing the song “Lift Every Voice and Sing” as voiced by CCC student Micca Curtis.

SHHH Convention Will Take Place in Nebraska

On Sunday, June 13, 2004, the 19th International Convention of Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc. in Omaha, NE will take place. Great strides have been made in the identification of the various causes of hearing loss: conductive hearing loss (interruption of sound to the inner ear caused by infections, fluids or injury), sensorineural (damage of the pathway of sound such as hair cell damage resulting from noise trauma, Meniere's disease or infection of auditory nerves and genetics).

The purpose of the symposium is to provide a unique opportunity for individuals with hearing loss, professionals in the fields of hearing loss and other consumers to exchange information. Most individuals with hearing loss, including members of consumer organizations such as SHHH, have few opportunities to interact with scientists performing contemporary research on hearing loss. By the same token, researchers, including clinicians, rarely have the opportunity to engage in extended dialogue with consumers. Further, publications intended for consumers on ongoing or recent research are usually brief summary overviews rather than detailed descriptions of the research and its implications in layman's language.

Seven speakers, moderated by Dr. Patrick E. Brookhouser (Founding Director of Boystown Research Hospital), will present their hearing-related studies that go beyond gene recognition and identification of hearing loss to the next step in therapy, which include gene therapies. Discussion will include:

- ✓ An overview of the future of therapy in the post-genomic era;
- ✓ Strategies to prevent hearing loss caused by noise and oxidative stress-induced apoptosis of auditory hair cells;
- ✓ Development of gene-based therapies for hereditary hearing loss syndromes;
- ✓ Prospects for gene therapy of the auditory system;
- ✓ Modern treatment and balance disorders associated with hearing loss;
- ✓ Hearing loss therapies: present and future;
- ✓ Understanding how pathology develops in Usher Syndrome and how it relates to the critical first step toward therapy.

Symposium Presenters . . .

Edward S. Cohn, M.D., Associate Professor, Department of Otolaryngology and Human Communication, Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha Boys Town National Research Hospital

Dominic Cosgrove, Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska

William J. Kimberling, Ph.D., Center Director, Center for the Study and Treatment of Usher Syndrome, Omaha, NE

Claes Moller, Professor, Department of Audiology, Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Goteborg, Sweden)

Allen F. Ryan, Ph.D., Division of Otolaryngology, UCSD School of Medicine and VA Medical Center, La Jolla, CA

Jack M. Sullivan M.D. Ph.D., SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY

Thomas R Van De Water, Ph.D., Professor of Otolaryngology, Director, Cochlear Implant Research Program, University of Miami Ear Institute, Miami, FL

**This information was borrowed from, http://hearingloss.org/html/symposium_for_web.HTM,
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Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) Helps Develop Hearing Aid

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions_lcif_hearingaid.shtml

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The Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) is helping to develop the world's finest low-cost hearing aid. The long-range plan is for Lions worldwide to take a leading role in improving the lives of millions of hearing impaired people. LCIF has approved \$600,000 for the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (AHAP) to design, manufacture and distribute a high-quality, low-cost hearing aid. AHAP is moving forward steadily. A digitally program-mable hearing aid already has been developed, a manufacturing and distribution site were established in southern India, successful clinical trials were conducted in the United States and a fulfillment center is planned for New Jersey (USA).

Hearing-impaired people are an overlooked population, especially in developing countries. The World Health Organization estimates that at least 250 million people have a disabling degree of hearing impairment. The average cost of a hearing aid, \$1,450 in 2000, is prohibitively high for the poor. Only 12 percent of the 6 million hearing aids sold in 2000 were sold in developed countries, which is home to 70 percent of the global population.

AHAP is manufacturing the hearing aids for \$40 to \$50. Its price will range from \$0 to \$500 depending on a client's ability to pay. The income realized from sales in wealthier countries will subsidize the cost in poor countries. Lions will be the exclusive distributor of the hearing aid to all Lions' groups and all U.S. non-profit groups.

Many Lions clubs currently provide either low-cost refurbished hearing aids or high-priced new hearing aids to the deaf in their communities. AHAP will allow Lions to deliver new high-quality hearing aids to those who cannot afford them.

The hearing aids are being made in India at Aurolab, a world leader in manufacturing affordable medical technology. Aurolab developed the low-priced intraocular lens used in Lions' anti-blindness projects. Aurolab is part of the Lions Aravind Institute of Community Ophthalmology, initially funded with a \$1.26 million SightFirst grant. The lead manager for the hearing aid project is one of the originators of Aurolab, social entrepreneur David Green of U.S.-based Project Impact.

A pilot project will offer the hearing aid to Lions as a member benefit. If successful in parts of the United States and India, the member benefit could be extended to other regions.

Area-Wide Transportation System (AWTS) Partners with Open Road and the One Community Integration Project to Provide Transportation for People With Disabilities to Worship Services

Beginning in February, Middlesex County Area-Wide Transportation System (AWTS) partnered with Open Road and the One Community Integration Project to provide a pilot transportation service for adult persons with disabilities to attend worship services. Individuals with disabilities identify transportation as one of the primary barriers to attending worship. The partnership will help to identify the extent of the need for residents of Middlesex County to have transportation services on the weekends. AWTS will transport disabled county residents who are registered with the program under the provisions of the SPECIAL TRIPS program service. Open Road, a non-profit organization committed to facilitating participation of people with disabilities in religious observance, will subsidize the charge for this service. The service will be available on Friday, Saturday or Sunday to people with disabilities of all faiths. The One Community Integration Project is a program of Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County (JFVS). For more information or to participate in this service, please contact JFVS at (732) 777-1940 Voice, (732) 777-1889 Fax, 515 Plainfield Avenue, Suite 201, Edison, NJ 08817, www.jfvs.org.

More Than Half a Century Later, We Remember The Holocaust

On Tuesday evening, April 20, 2004, the 27th Annual Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service will be held in South Orange/Maplewood, starting at 7:30 p.m. This year's host congregation is Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, located at 217 Prospect Street in South Orange. This service is believed to be the oldest Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance service in New Jersey. The service will be preceded at 6:45 p.m. by a brief ceremony at Grove Park on South Orange Avenue in South Orange and the traditional torchlight March of Remembrance from the Park to the Church.

Local survivors of Nazi death camps, American Army liberators of the camps, and righteous Gentiles who sheltered Jewish families from the Nazis, all now in their seventies, will light eleven candles in remembrance of the six million Jews and five million others who perished in the camps.

The theme of this year's service is "Reflections: A Survivor's Story". The speaker, Gena Lanceter, will describe her experiences when, only 13, she jumped off a train bound for the Majdanek death camp and survived. Although injured while escaping, she survived the balance of the war with the help of righteous Gentiles, including a priest.

The service will include the lighting of "chai" candles at the beginning of the service by children and grandchildren of survivors, and choral music by adult and children choirs.

As has been customary for several years at the service, a sign language interpreter will be provided. This is a moving service and an opportunity to join in interfaith worship with people who were there during one of history's darkest chapters.

For additional information, contact Brian Bamforth at Bebamforth@aol.com, or (973) 763-9383 Voice.

Our Way and Jewish Deaf and Hearing Impaired Council (JDHIC) Programs for the Jewish Deaf and HOH present:

Tikun Olam: A Special Journey

Rabbi Soffin, director of Project Tikun Olam, describes his recent, fascinating humanitarian trip to Ethiopia.
Please join us for a lively presentation and refreshments on

April 28, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

at the home of Sally and Joel Cohen in Livingston, NJ.

To RSVP, for directions or for more information, please contact:

Judy Citer: jdciter@optonline.com, (973) 473-7277 Voice

Sally Cohen: JCohenRet@aol.com, (973) 992-3182 TTY (No calls on Saturdays please.)

It's Time . . . For Happy Hands Summer Day Camp

Established in 1988, it offers four weeks of fun and friends filled with activities for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children. Camden County College offers a 4-week Day Camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children between 5 and 12 years of age. Come join the fun and excitement!

General Information

The Summer Camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children will be held on the Blackwood Campus of Camden County College. Located about 13 miles from Camden, the 320-acre campus is centrally located for students living throughout the South Jersey area. The Happy Hands Day Camp is staffed with fully qualified individuals who have years of experience working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children. Parents may send their children for two to four weeks. Camp will provide snacks and beverages. Campers are responsible to bring their lunches. A \$10 deposit is required (non-refundable).



Dates: Weeks of July *6 - 9, July 12 - 16, July 19 - 23, July 26 - July 30

Times: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Costs: \$100 per week - Children may enroll for 2 or 4 weeks.

Activities: Sports, swimming, computers, arts and crafts, language development, field trips, and much more.

*** First week 4 days - financial adjustments will be made**

For information contact: Kathy Earp

(856) 227-7200 ext.4255 or 4506 Voice, (856) 374-4855 TTY, (856) 374-5003 Fax, kearp@camdencc.edu

Religious Access

Diocese of Metuchen Catholic Deaf Ministry signed events for Holy Week:

April 4, 2004, Palm Sunday 11:00 a.m. - St. Peter the Apostle Church, 94 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ

April 5, 2004, Chrism Mass 7:30 p.m. - Cathedral of St. Francis, Main Street and Elm Avenue, Metuchen, NJ

April 8, 2004, Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m. - St. Peter the Apostle Church, 94 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ .

April 9, 2004, Good Friday, 3:00 p.m. - St. Peter the Apostle Church, 94 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ

April 10, 2004, Easter Vigil Mass, 7:30 p.m. - St. Peter the Apostle Church, 94 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ

April 11, 2004, Easter Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - St. Peter the Apostle Church, 94 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ

Info: contact Tevis Thompson, (302) 529-7088 V/TTY/FAX, or e-mail deaf1@comcast.

Dear Editor;

(Printed with parental permission)

Hi, I'm a deaf sixteen year old. Are you aware of the fact that the United States Government is planning to censor closed captioning as a part of a budget cut? The article can be found here:

http://www.almbeachpost.com/opinion/content/auto/epaper/editions/sunday/opinion_0442326e064c624b0099.html

When I read this article, I felt insulted, upset, and angry at the same time. Many of my friends who are deaf and hearing also felt this way. My hearing parents found this outrageous. I think that something has to be done here because closed captioning has been a big difference in the lives of deaf individuals such as myself. My grammar and vocabulary is something for me to be proud of and I credit most of it to closed captioning because I have learned grammatical structures and vocabulary from reading captions while growing up. I am a straight 'A' student at Mountain Lakes High School and I am proud of it and I credit that also to closed captioning. I also feel that it is not justified that hearing people are able to understand any television show by listening. We, as deaf people, are not able to hear and have to depend completely on captions to be able to fully understand what is going on. I think that if the government deems those 200 shows inappropriate for captions, then these shows should be canceled because it is not right if only hearing people are able to watch these shows. Please contact me if you have further knowledge of this situation or anything else, it would mean a lot to me. Thank you for your time and your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ian Lazarus



Did You Know That ...

The Educational Interpreter Professional Development Center at Camden County College is now open. Educational interpreters currently working in the field and persons interested in becoming educational interpreters should contact the EIPDC by phone at (856) 227-7200 Voice ext.4746 or by e-mail at EIPDC@camdencc.edu. For more information, access www.eipdcnj.edu.

Volunteers are wanted for Miss Deaf NJ Pageant Fundraiser to host Pampered Chef or Tastefully Simple Party at their home for MDNJP. Proceeds go to Miss Deaf New Jersey Pageant. Contact Christina Costello, fundraiser coordinator, at ChristinaMCostello@comcast.net.

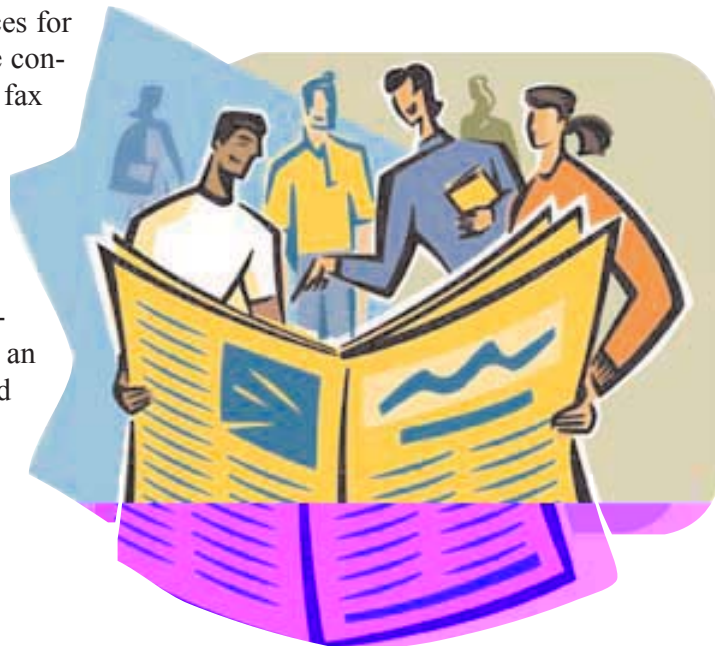
Clearview Cinemas Headquarters 10, 72 Headquarters Plaza, Morristown, NJ 07960 has open captioned films. Contact the theater directly for the schedule at (973) 292-1104 Voice or www.clearviewcinemas.com.

The Third Annual JDSR (Jewish Deaf Singles Registry) Retreat welcome Jewish Deaf and Hard of Hearing singles, including divorced and widowed worldwide. The Secular, Reform, Conservative, Traditional, and Orthodox event will occur on June 25-27, 2004 at Hebrew Institute of White Plains, New York. Join for fun, learning, outing, meals, and more packed into that one weekend. The fees include an early bird special for those who have renewed membership and first time, new members, until April 21st. Limited scholarships are available. Housing is available on a first come, first served basis in private homes within the community. Arrangements have also been made to offer a special price at the nearby Crown Plaza for an additional cost of \$105 per night. The rooms can accommodate up to 4 people. Contact Samuel and Rachelle Landau, JDSR Coordinators, Landau9@optonline.net, or write to JDSR PO Box 2005, NY, NY 10159-2005 or (908) 352-7395 Fax.

Available Jobs

Teacher of the Deaf - Southern Regional High School District is looking for a Teacher of the Deaf with ASL sign language interpreting skills to begin immediately. This professional will work to deliver educational and support services for inclusion students with auditory impairments and provide consultation to the staff who work with them. Please send or fax a resume and letter of interest to Rick Gunsalus, Supervisor of Special Services, 75 Cedar Bridge Road, Manahawkin, NJ 08050, Fax (609) 978-9373.

Substitute Sign Language Interpreter - Southern Regional High School District is currently seeking substitute Sign Language Interpreters to work in our district on an as needed/per diem basis. Please send or fax a resume and letter of interest to: Supervisor of Special Services, 75 Cedar Bridge Road, Manahawkin, NJ 08050, Fax (609) 978-9373.



Library Has Temporary Replacement

Greetings! My name is Rebecca Rainone. I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the new coordinator, who will be replacing Christine Olsen while she is on maternity leave. I look forward to working at the NJ Library for the Blind and Handicapped Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Program (DHHAP) as well as meeting library fans.

I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself. I was born Deaf and raised by hearing parents who are very supportive of my deafness and culture as well. During my early school years, I mainstreamed in public school until eighth grade. After I graduated, I opted to attend MKSD to finish out my high school years. Upon graduation, I attended NTID/RIT and received my bachelor's degree in Interior Design. After finding out that interior design was not for me, I explored the ASL teaching profession and stayed for over eight years.

I am very much involved with New Jersey Association of the Deaf as the current corresponding secretary on the board and the state chairperson for 2005. I was also the contestant coordinator for both pageants in 2001 and 2003. On a national level, I acted as a chaperone for my sister, who won the Miss Deaf New Jersey title as well as the Miss Deaf America title.

I look forward to meeting all of you! I will do my best to get things done as needed. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or want to learn more about DHHAP. I will be more than happy to assist you. I can be reached at rrainone@njstatelib.org.

Deaf Baby Doesn't Wait

Submitted by Madeline Yuhas

On January 16, 2003, I visited my daughter who was expecting her first baby in February. Under doctor's orders, she had taken a leave of absence from her teaching job. Before the doctor left for his vacation, he told her, "Do not have the baby while I'm gone."

My son-in-law, Mike, had a ticket for the coming Eagles football game in Philly on January 19. He too, told my daughter.

"Don't have the baby before the game." And on January 18th, we scheduled a surprise baby shower for her.

Well, this baby decided to arrive when she was ready! No medications, no doctor, no football game, or baby shower was going to stop her. So Kirstyn Renee Loftus was born on January 17, 2003 at 2:47 a.m. She weighed 5lbs. 11 oz. She beat us all.

We went ahead with the baby shower on January 18 as planned. Kirstyn's dad, Mike, took the new mother's place at the shower while she was recuperating. It was fun watching him open up all the gifts as my son, Chris, recorded the event on video tape for Maureen to see. At the end of the baby shower, we dressed Mike in a knit skirt and paper hat with all the ribbons. He was a good sport and had a lot of fun.

Kirstyn was born with Tetralogy of Fallot (heart condition) and hearing loss. On July 8, 2003, Kirstyn entered Children's Hospital in Philadelphia for open heart surgery. She was almost six months old. The surgery lasted three hours. It was a very emotional time as she remained in the hospital for four days. Fortunately, her parents stayed the entire time. They have rooms set up for all parents who wish to stay as close as possible.

Soon thereafter, she had her hearing tests. During the tests, she had got tired, fussy, and soon was ready to fall asleep. Once she was fitted with two hearing aids, her whole face and eyes lit up to the world of sound. After all she had been through it was a wonderful sight to see. On the way home from the hospital, Kirstyn was going through a terrible time adjusting to all the sounds around her. She cried and screamed nonstop, until she was completely exhausted. This made me a little teary. You see, Kirstyn's grandfather and I are both deaf.

Times have certainly changed since my school days. I lost my

hearing from measles at age four. Her grandfather, Bob, was born deaf. He may have been six months or more when his parents learned of his hearing loss. Krystyn's heart problems and hearing loss were inherited from both families; her maternal grandfather and great grandfather have heart complications and hearing loss, and her father's folks have heart complications.

When I first learned of her hearing loss, I felt bad because I did not want her to experience the hardships we went through. Those long school days with no interpreters, no friends and no guidance which were the reason I was held back two years, makes me feel that I was robbed of an education. Once I graduated from public school, I was sent to the NJ School for the Deaf. The two worlds I experienced at these

schools were very separate from each other.

Kirstyn will have the best of both worlds by interacting with hearing and non-hearing people. She will be raised learning speech skills as well as American Sign Language (ASL) together.

Kirstyn is a happy and bubbly baby. Typical of children like her and at her age, her first sign was "dad-dad". A few weeks later, and to our surprise her first voice word "da-da", so we know she can hear somewhat with her hearing aids. She likes to tease her mother by pulling her hearing aids, sitting on them, trying to pull them apart, using them as a pacifier, or as a teething toy knowing her mom will run over to stop her.

Yes, times have certainly changed since my school days.

“ When she was fitted with two hearing aids, her whole face and eyes lit up to the world of sound. ”

Editor's Note: One of the goals of the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is to promote communication access and education about hearing loss. This story helps illustrate the importance of seeking hearing aids at the earliest possible age. The Universal Newborn Hearing Screening program in New Jersey helps detect possible hearing loss at birth. It is of utmost importance that parents/guardians assure that follow-up occurs when hearing loss is suspected. If anyone needs information or referral, contact DDHH at 609-984-7281 V/TTY.

The NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) continues to provide Baby Alert systems to qualified people in New Jersey. This device emits a visual signal to parents with hearing loss so that they become aware their infant is crying in another room. If you would like an application, please contact DDHH at 800-792-8339 V/TTY or (609) 984-0390 Fax.



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PROUDLY INVITES YOU TO OUR 12th ANNIVERSARY BENEFIT

Featuring an evening with Terrylene! “IN THE NOW”



Nationally acclaimed Deaf actress extraordinaire, hailing from Los Angeles, shares her personal journey from victim to full, empowered adulthood. Inspired, and inspiring, thought provoking and profound, *IN THE NOW* is not without humor, guiding us to see the truth in the power of love forgiveness and ‘letting go’.

IN THE NOW is a performance blend of storytelling, ASL poetry and monologue, with voice translation, captioning and original music performed live on stage. This deaf actress brings issues of abuse to the table for the Deaf, and hearing.

SEE AND HEAR EVERY WORD!



Saturday, May 15, 2004 – 6pm to 10pm

With a cocktail hour before, and a dessert reception after

**Location: Gershman YWYA Theatre&Auditorium
Broad Street at Pine – Avenue of the Arts/Philadelphia**



***Tickets: \$50 before May 1, 2004 - \$75 after May 1, 2004**

Please email craccess@aol.com to reserve tickets early - prior to mailing your check or m.o.

***Note: Contact Creative Access for special ‘discounted’ ticket information. No one turned away!**

* Terrylene is best known for her popular role in the movie, *Beauty and The Beast*, and her appearances on shows such as *ER*, *Once and Again* and *Night Visions*. She is coming from Los Angeles, California to share story with us!

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The Jesus Story

Friday, April 9, 2004

8:00 p.m.

(Interpreter for the Deaf provided)

DAWN, Inc. is sponsoring a monthly social meeting for all
Deaf Senior Citizens of Northwest Jersey.

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Saint Clare's Hospital - Dover, 400 W. Blackwell Street, Dover, NJ 07801
Cafeteria 1st Floor

This is our first meeting of the new year; therefore, we will not have a guest speaker.

Topic: Social Gathering

ASL interpreters will be provided.

Refreshments will be served.

Parking is available in the Visitor Parking Lot.

If you need any other type of special accommodations, please call the office at
(973) 361-5666 Voice or (973) 361-6032 TTY at least two weeks prior to the event.

Non-Seniors are welcome!

Info: Lila Taylor/Deaf Outreach Specialist, DAWN, Inc.,
400 South Main St., Suite #3, Wharton, NJ 07885 Phone: (973) 361-5666 Voice
(973) 361-7086 Fax, (973) 361-6032 TTY, ltaylor09@aol.com

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Ocean County College's First Annual Deaf Awareness Day

Wednesday, April 21

Deaf Awareness Day will begin at noon. We will have many Deaf vendors as well as agencies for the Deaf such as DDHH, NJAD, and Birnbaum Interpreting Services and more. Here is the line up:

12:45 p.m. - Trix Bruce - ASL Storyteller (free, no charge)

3:00 p.m. - Miss Deaf America (free, no charge)

5:00 p.m. - Vlad Grigoriev - Deaf Mime (free, no charge)

7:00 p.m. - Ocean County College -

**Interpreter Training Program presents Sign Language Musical,
back by popular demand!**

Students in the ITP will be performing songs in American Sign Language.

Tickets cost \$12 adults, \$8 children 12 and under. Tickets sold at the door.

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Sweet Honey In The Rock
Saturday, April 17 at 8:00 p.m.

Ticket Prices: \$11 - \$49

ASL COMEDY NIGHT

Manny Hernandez and other surprise performers!

A fund-raiser for Deaf children's programs

Saturday, April 17, 2004 - 8:00 p.m.

Members: \$5, Non-Members: \$10

**Refreshments will be sold
(*alcohol is not served*)**



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Miss Deaf New Jersey Pageant Presents

2nd Annual Wine and Cheese Tasting Party

Saturday, April 17th

6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

\$40 per person, \$70 per couple

Grenloch Community Center, 456 Hurffville-Grenloch Road, Washington Twp, NJ 08080

Peggy St. John Wenger, Deaf Wine Expert

Taste 4 red, 4 white and one port from California wines.

Wine Auctions & 50/50

Voice Interpreters will be provided

Proceeds goes to Miss Deaf New Jersey Pageant Fund, Support Miss Deaf New Jersey, her chaperone and director to embark on their trip to Miss Deaf American Pageant

Make a check or money order payable to: MDNJP c/o Dawn LaCatena, MDNJP Treasurer, 406 Prospect Ave., Apt 4E, Hackensack, NJ 07601

Deadline: April 10, 2004

Info: Christina Costello: ChristinaMCostello@comcast.net or, Carrie Pogue: ECEMPOG@aol.com

N W J A D (Northwest Jersey Assn. of the Deaf, Inc.)

Atlantic City

Saturday, April 24, 2004

Bus Leaves Parsippany at 1:30 Sharp! (Please Arrive at 1:00 p.m.)

From: Park ' N Ride Lot

BEFORE Empire Diner on Rt. 46 East

Arrives Bally's Casino: 4:00 p.m. (approx.)

Leaves Casino: 10:00 p.m. Returns to Parsippany: 12:30 a.m.

Cost: Members: \$20 per person / round trip, non-members:

\$23 per person/ round trip

(Cash refund at casino - TBA)

Make check payable to: NWJAD, Inc. How many going?

Members: ____ X \$20 = \$ ____ ;

Non-members: ____ X \$23 = \$ ____

(Please Give NAMES of Each Person Going)

And mail to: NWJAD, Tom Montemorano,

52 Heritage Court, Towaco, NJ 07082

Deadline: April 10, 2004 (sorry, no refunds)

seats are limited, reserve yours ASAP!

Co-chairs: Kevin Mona & Bonnie Thomas Info: www.nwjad.org,

nwjad@nwjad.org or NWJADeaf@aol.com



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Pancake Breakfast

Deaf Ministry

Sunday, April 25, 2004

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



St. Gregory's Church Hall, 340 East Evesham Ave., Magnolia, NJ 08049
(Corner of White Horse Pike/Rt. 30)

All you can eat - pancakes only

Sausage, bacon, fruit cup, orange juice, apple juice, coffee & hot tea

\$6 per person (13 years old & up), \$5 per child(4-12 years old), \$15 per family

Children 3 years old and under - FREE!

Info: (856) 627-0009 V/TTY, (856) 482-5657 Fax, deafministrynj@yahoo.com

To pay admission, see Gracemarie or Dennis Newman, or mail a check made payable
to the Deaf Ministry to 525 Doe Lane, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
with your name, address, and amount of adults, children, or family.

Deaf Ministry Gingo Night

Saturday, May 8, 2004

6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Game starts at 7:30 p.m.

\$7 - advance, \$10 - at door; First come, first served!

Limited to 200 people

***Special - this month only* \$1 off for ladies only, when paid in advance!**

St. Gregory's Church(Basement), 340 East Evesham Avenue, Magnolia, NJ 08049
(Corner of White Horse Pike/Rt.30)

Door will open at 6:00 p.m. - No early birds please!

If paying at door, cash only.

Food will be on sale until 7:00 p.m. Desserts will be on sale during intermission.

Info: 856-627-0009 V/TTY, 856-482-5657 Fax, deafministrynj@yahoo.com

Make check payable to Deaf Ministry and mail to: 525 Doe Lane, Cherry Hill, N.J. 08034 with your
name, address, e-mail. Mail no later than May 1, 2004.

No refunds, No children.

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Career Options Day

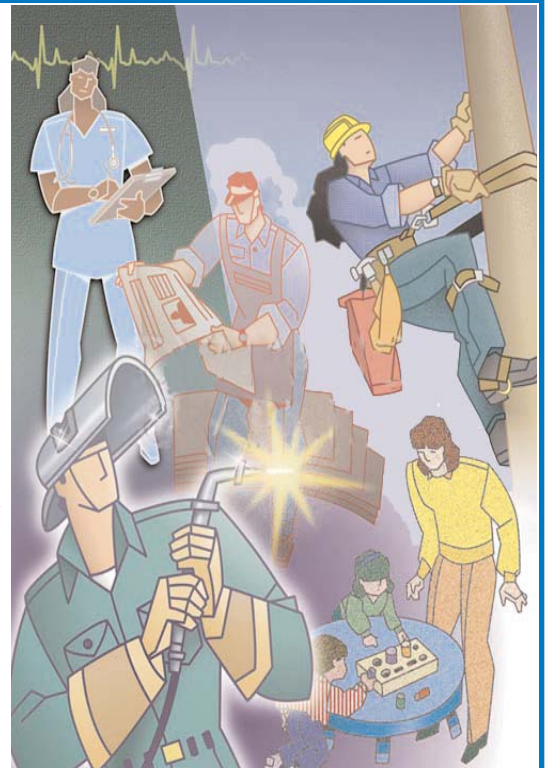
JFK Conference Center
The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation,
JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute,
will host Career Options Day on

April 28, 2004
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

JFK Conference Center,
70 James Street, Edison, NJ

Career Options Day is open to members of the community seeking to improve their edge in today's job market. In addition to meeting with prospective employers, various organizations and professionals will be on hand to provide information and advice on presenting a professional image, resume content, the interview process, application completion and more.

For more information, please contact JFK Vocational Rehabilitation at (732) 321-7069 Voice.



Bye Bye Birdie

Signed performance on May 1, 2 p.m. at

Voorhees High School Theatre, Route 513, Lebanon Township, NJ.

Tickets, \$9 - \$15

Showkids Invitational Theatre, Inc.,

Ticket Office, 1999A Route 31, Clinton, NJ 08809
(908) 638-5959 Voice, www.showkids.org

It's the late 50's and teens across the U.S. are going crazy as Conrad Birdie is about to be drafted, leaving his agent, Albert and Albert's secretary Rosie wondering what to do. For publicity, Conrad is set to give a farewell kiss to typical American teen, Kim McAfee, on the Ed Sullivan Show (upsetting both her boyfriend Hugo and her father). Meanwhile, Rosie tries to get Albert to propose only to be foiled by his Mama's antics. This delightful musical, with updated scenes and songs from the Disney movie, features comic mishaps and happy endings for all ages with popular songs including, "Put on a Happy Face," "A Lot of Livin' to Do" and "The Telephone Hour."

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Open House

Come check us out!
Saturday, May 1, 2004
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

ASL Signing Community of Camden County College and Miss Deaf NJ Pageant

Mr. Deaf New Jersey Contest
May 1, 2004
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

CIM Auditorium,
Camden County College
Blackwood, NJ

Admission: \$8 per adult,
\$4 per child under age of 13. Pay at door.
Refreshments will be served.

Voice interpreters provided

Info: Christina Costello, ChristinaMCostello@comcast.net
or Carrie Pogue, MDNJP Director, ECMPOG@aol.com
Proceeds go to Miss Deaf NJ Pageant Fund, Miss Deaf NJ,
Chaperone and Director to
embark to Miss Deaf America Pageant

WANTED:

Deaf or Hard of Hearing Men
Single or Married - Taken or Not Taken???
(status not important)

Age doesn't matter - Must be NJ Resident

Mr. Deaf New Jersey Contest
May 1, 2004

Camden County College, CIM Building
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Prizes : 1st place \$150, 2nd place \$100,
3rd place \$50

Info: Christina Costello: ChristinaMCostello@comcast.net

Deadline: April 10, 2004

*This is fundraising for Miss Deaf NJ to go to
Miss Deaf America Pageant

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Presented by Allon Yomtov, MBA
Investment & Insurance

Sunday, May 2, 2004
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served



**Atlantic City Bus Trip to
Taj Mahal Casino & dance at Casbah's**
(NJ Friendly Society hosts)

Friday, May 28th

Metro Park, Iselin, NJ

Meet at 7:30 p.m., bus leaves at 8 p.m.

Leaves Taj Mahal Casino at 6 a.m.

Arrives Metro Park at 8 a.m.

\$30 per person including a round-trip bus fare

Proceeds go to Miss Deaf NJ Pageant Fund

Support Miss Deaf NJ, Chaperone & Director to embark on
their trip to Miss Deaf America Pageant.

First Come, First Served (Deadline May 20th) Make a check or money

order payable to: MDNJP, c/o Dawn LaCatena, MDNJP

Treasurer, 406 Prospect Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07601

Include name, address, phone, and e-mail.

Info: Carrie Pogue at ecempog@aol.com or Christina Costello,
christinamcostello@comcast.net

Calendar of Events 2004

April 30 - May 2
NJRID Biennial Conference
Exercising Your Professionalism

Friday, May 7

DDHH Advisory Council Meeting

Saturday, June 5

Wallyball & Swim Fun Night!
for Adults & Kids!

Wallyball, Racquetball, Basketball,
and Swimming

Saturday, June 5th
Good Luck Miss Deaf NJ Party

Saturday, June 12
DDHH 20th Annual Deaf and
Hard of Hearing Awareness Day

DDHH Office Closed - April 9, May 31

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